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MOST ALARMING DEVELOPMENT IN KHRUSHCHEV'S TALKS WITH HARRIMAN AND MYSELF WAS INDICATION THAT KHRUSHCHEV IS ILL-INFORMED ABOUT WEST IN GENERAL AND US IN PARTICULAR AND APPEARS PREPARED TO FOLLOW POLICY IN REGARD TO GERMANY WHICH INVOLVES SERIOUS RISK OF CONFLICT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE VIRTUALLY NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF ATTITUDE SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES I STRONGLY SUSPECT THEY ARE ONE OF THE FEW RESTRAINING INFLUENCES ON KHRUSHCHEV'S PURSUIT OF THIS RISKY POLICY. IN THIS CONNECTION SUGGEST WE MIGHT AGAIN CONSIDER INVITING MARSHAL VERSHININ TO RETURN TWINING VISIT, OBJECTIVE BEING TO IMPRESS UPON HIM AND HIS PARTY US MILITARY STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION. THERE WOULD DOUBTLESS BE CRITICISM OF SUCH VISIT IN VIEW OF LACK OF INFORMATION ON MISSING C-130 CREW MEMBERS BUT SUGGEST THIS MIGHT BE HANDLED BY LETTING PRESS KNOW WE ARE HOPEFUL VISIT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION THIS PROBLEM. IN MY OPINION WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE VISIT WITHIN NEXT 6 WEEKS OR TWO MONTHS. ATTACHES CONCUR. PLEASE PASS DEFENSE.

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